

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Public Reprimand)	
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of the Educator Certificate of)	
)	CONSENT ORDER OF PUBLIC REPRIMAND
Earl Rumble)	
)	
<u>Certificate # 205680</u>)	

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on September 9, 2003. On February 5, 2003, the State Department of Education (Department) sent a notice of the possible suspension or revocation of his South Carolina Educator Certificate (certificate) to Mr. Earl Rumble by certified mail, restricted delivery, and return receipt requested. Mr. Rumble received this notice as evidenced by a signed postal receipt and initially requested a hearing. Subsequent to this request, Mr. Rumble, through his attorney, Dona L. Guffey, Esquire proposed to resolve this matter without a hearing by agreeing to the following terms: (1) a public reprimand will be issued by the State Board, (2) this public reprimand will be reported to all school districts in South Carolina with the grounds listed as "unprofessional conduct," and (3) this order will be maintained as a public record in the Office of General Counsel of the Department. After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to issue a Consent Order of Public Reprimand on the terms set forth above.

Mr. Rumble holds a valid South Carolina certificate, and has over four years of teaching experience. During the 2001-2002 school year, Mr.. Rumble was a special education teacher at Aiken Middle School in the Aiken County School District (District). He taught in the District from 1999 to 2002. Mr. Rumble was involuntarily separated from his employment with the District during the 2002-2003 school year following an investigation by the District into allegations that Mr. Rumble failed to effectively intervene in inappropriate physical contact between students assigned to his supervision. Mr.

Rumble denies the allegations of inadequate supervision. Mr. Rumble has taught in the McCormick County School District since the 2002-2003 school year. He has agreed to accept this reprimand on the conditions outlined above.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

"The State Board of Education may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person." S.C. Code Ann. §59-25-150 (1990), S.C. Code Ann. §59-25-160 (1990); 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58. The Board finds that the preponderance of the evidence presented supports its conclusion that just cause does not exist to suspend or revoke Mr. Rumble's certificate; however, cause does exist for a Public Reprimand of Mr. Rumble's conduct. Accordingly, the Board issues this Consent Order of Public Reprimand as set forth above.

South Carolina State Board of Education

/S/ Greg Killian

Greg Killian

Chair

Columbia, South Carolina

September 9, 2003

I, Earl Rumble, S.C. Teaching Certificate #177143, do hereby agree to the Order of Public Reprimand, consisting of two pages, and understand that this Order will be presented as signed to the State Board of Education on Tuesday, September 9, 2003.

9/2/03
Date

/S/ Earl Rumble
Signature